

To whom it may concern;

I am shocked and disappointed that an organization would even attempt to interfere with a technology that has done nothing except improve the quality of life for all who use it. I have been a proponent of Satellite Radio since I first read about it 4 years ago. It's wide offerings allow us a much greater listening selection. While originally I only thought of the advertisement free music channels, I have found myself listening more to the educational channels such as the Discovery and Travel channels.

However, by far the greatest addition to the already outstanding lineup of channels has been the Traffic and Weather Updates. As a commuter in a town as busy as Boston - that information has become invaluable to me as I get in my car each morning and evening. It has advised me to take alternate routes and saved me HOURS of traffic time. It's concise and constant format is exactly what a listener wants.

This is not to say that I've abandoned AM/FM listening. I listen often to the conventional stations for local sports, music, and talk shows. In fact I host a Financial Talk show on a very prominent AM channel in Boston. AM & FM will always have a place in our homes & cars! However they can't afford to streamline their programs the way that a pay-for-service organization can. Why isn't there an AM channel that only offers a constant 5 minute loop of the most current Traffic and Weather? Because it wouldn't make any money! That's the bottom line.

I trust that as technology continues to expand our entertainment horizons - governmental organizations such as the FCC evolve with the times. To even entertain the idea that you should be placing restrictions upon a service that I happily pay for each month is despicable.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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